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SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 122856

1. WE PASSED SUBSTANCE PARA THREE REFTEL TO JANSSEN MORNING
JUNE 24 PRIOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE' S STAFF MEETING
PLANNED FOR LATER THAT DAY. WE URGED ESPECIALLY THAT GOB SUPPORT
IN JUNE 25-26 EC COUNCIL
MEETING U. S. EFFORTS TO BEGIN EXPLORATORY TALKS.

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2. JANSSEN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD USG POSITION, RECOGNIZING RISK THAT ANY U. S. LIST OF FEW SENSITIVE PRODUCTS COULD BE SEIZED UPON BY FRENCH TO FORECLOSE DISCUSSION OF BROADER U. S. CONCERNS. HE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS ALSO THE RISK THAT EC COUNCIL WILL NOT AUTHORIZE COMMISSION TO HOLD EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH U. S. (HE IMPLIED BECAUSE OF FRENCH BLOCKAGE), AND PRESENT IMPASSE WILL BE PROLONGED. BELGIAN REQUEST FOR LIST OF SENSITIVE ITEMS WAS MADE NOT TO LIMIT COMPENSATIONS TO U. S. BUT SIMPLY FOR VAN ELSLANDE' S USE AT EC COUNCIL MEETING AS EXAMPLES OF DAMAGE TO U. S. IN AN EFFORT TO GET DIALOG UNDER WAY. JANSSEN SAID HE WOULD PASS REFTEL POSITION TO VAN ELSLANDE AT FONMIN STAFF MEETING.

3. WE APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT' S PROMPT GUIDANCE ON THIS MATTER. WE UNDERSTOOD, AS APPARENTLY DID GOB, THAT PROPOSED TACTIC INVOLVED SOME RISK BUT HAD HOPED WAY COULD BE FOUND TO TAKE UP THE BELGIAN OFFER. WE ARE REASONABLY SURE THAT BELGIANS WANTED TO BE HELPFUL AND, WITH VAN ELSLANDE PRESIDING AT COUNCIL MEETING, BELIEVE THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FRAME THEIR PROPOSAL IN WAY TO ALLOW BROADER U. S. XXIV:6 CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED.
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